



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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BRAD LITTLE
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

July 7, 2020

LATAH COUNTY
PO BOX 8068
MOSCOW, ID 83843

RE: Application for Permit No. 87-12223

Dear Protestant(s):

This office acknowledges receipt of your protest to the issuance of Permit No. 87-12223. As part of the application process, the following options are available for the resolution of contested (protested) applications:

- Direct contact with the applicant(s) to determine the nature of the protest(s) and to attempt to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

- Formal proceedings administered by the Department pursuant to the Department's Rule of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01). A pre-hearing conference identifies the protestant's concerns and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the concerns cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

- Mediation through a certified professional mediator can reduce costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, present the opportunity to address non-water concerns, provide influence over a final settlement, and fast track the processing of the application if a mediated agreement is reached.

Please consider with the applicant the best option(s) for resolution of the contested application and forward your choice to the Department's regional manager. If no response is received within a few weeks, you may be notified that a pre-hearing conference will be scheduled.

You may contact this office if you have any questions regarding the procedure discussed in this letter or additional information about water rights and other matters administered by this agency is available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Jones'.

Douglas Jones
Northern Regional Manager

Enclosure(s)

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JAMIN A SMITCHGER
PO BOX 46
VIOLA, ID 83872-0046

RE: Application for Permit No(s). 87-12223

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is a copy of a protest(s) filed against the issuance of Permit No(s). 87-12223. As part of the application process, the following options are available for the resolution of contested (protested) applications:

-Direct contact with the protestant(s) to determine the nature of the protest(s) and to attempt to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

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Please consider with the protestant the best option(s) for resolution of the contested application and forward your choice to the Department's regional manager. If no response is received within a few weeks, you may be notified that a pre-hearing protest conference will be scheduled.

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Sincerely,

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Douglas Jones
Northern Regional Manager

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Copy of Protest

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NOTICE OF PROTEST

This form may be used to file a protest with the department under sections 42-108B, 42-203A, 42-203C, 42-211, and 42-222, Idaho Code. The department will also accept a timely protest not completed on this form if it contains the same information.

1. Matter being protested Application for Permit by Jamin Smitchger (#87-12223)
2. Name of protestant Latah County Board of Commissioners
3. Protestant's Representative for service (If different than protestant)

4. Service mailing address PO Box 8068, Moscow ID 83843
5. Service telephone no. (208)883-7208 Email Address: bocc@latah.id.us
6. Basis of protest (including statement of facts and law upon which the protest is based)
The Board feels that the amount being requested is likely higher than needed for that owners purposes.

(additional pages may be attached to describe nature of the protest)

7. What would resolve your protest? meeting with the property owner to discuss the intended usage and a possible reduction of the amount being requested.

I hereby, acknowledge that if I, or my designated representative, fails to appear at any regularly scheduled conference or hearing in the matter of which I have been notified at the address above, the department may issue a notice of proposed default against me in this matter for failure to appear. I also verify that I have served a copy of this protest upon the applicant.

Signed this 29th day of June, 2020.

Board of Latah County Commissioners
Protestant



Protestant's Representative



NOTE:

A protestant is required to timely file a protest with the department together with a \$25.00 protest fee for each application being protested in order for the protestant to be considered a full party by the department. In addition, the department's Rule of Procedure, IDAPA 37.01.01203, requires a protestant to send a copy of a protest to the applicant.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The matter being protested must be clearly identified. A typical matter is identified by the application number such as "Application for Permit No. _____ in the name of _____" or "Application for Transfer No. _____ in the name of _____."
 2. Show the name of the protestant. Only one (1) protestant may be shown per protest form. If this protest form is signed by more than one person, the hearing officer will consider the first signer as the official protestant and the representative for service of documents.
 3. If the protestant is represented by an attorney or other authorized representative, show the representative's name. The department then will serve documents on the representative and upon the protestant if specifically requested.
 4. Show the address where the department is to serve the documents. This should be the address of the authorized representative unless the protestant does not designate a representative.
 5. Show the telephone number of the authorized representative unless the protestant does not designate a service representative.
 6. Specifically describe the nature of the protest.
 7. Describe the relief being sought by the protestant.
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FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Received by Ja Date 7-2-2020 Time 3:15pm
\$25.00 fee Receipted by Ja # N036230 Date 7-2-2020